

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
CLASS 10
STAGES OF SONSHIP

The kingdom of God is based on relationship, and becoming a son is paramount in the kingdom. The carnal man will desire position; the spiritual man will desire sonship. Inheritance comes as a result of relation, not position.

Nepios

G3516

nēpios

nay'-pee-os

From an obsolete particle νη ne; implying *negation* and [G2031](#); *not speaking*, that is, an *infant (minor)*; figuratively a *simple minded* person, an *immature* Christian:—babe, child (+ -ish).

G2031

epos

ep'-os

From [G2036](#); a *word*:—X say.

Gal. 4:1-7 (KJV) *Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;*

²But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

³Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

⁴But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

⁶And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

⁷Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

The words child and children are the same Greek word, nepios. This Scripture indicates the need to have some form of authority over an immature Christian until that person can come into the maturity of a son. Note that once a person has matured into a son, then that person becomes an heir. A person may be heir by rights, but lack the maturity to receive the inheritance.

Paidion

G3813

paidion

pahee-dee'-on

Neuter diminutive of [G3816](#); a *childling* (of either sex), that is, (properly) an infant, or (by extension) a half grown *boy* or girl; figuratively an *immature* Christian:—(little, young) child, damsel.

1 Cor. 14:20 (KJV) *Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.*

The second word children in this verse is the Greek word nepiazō.

G3515

nēpiažō

nay-pee-ad'-zo

From [G3516](#); to *act* as a *babe*, that is, (figuratively) *innocently*:—be a child.

Christians are not to be childish in their understanding of the things of the kingdom of God, but we should be childlike in handling malice. Our response toward evil should be one of innocence

Teknon

G5043

teknon

tek'-non

From the base of [G5098](#); a *child* (as *produced*):—child, daughter, son.

G5098

timōria

tee-mo-ree'-ah

From [G5097](#); *vindication*, that is, (by implication) a *penalty*:—punishment.

1 Peter 1:13-14 (KJV) *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:*

Obedient - G5218

hupakoē

hoop-ak-o-ay'

From [G5219](#); *attentive hearkening*, that is, (by implication) *compliance* or *submission*:—obedience, (make) obedient, obey (-ing).

G5219

hupakouō

hoop-ak-oo'-o

From [G5259](#) and [G191](#); to *hear under* (as a *subordinate*), that is, to *listen attentively*; by implication to *heed* or *conform* to a command or authority:—hearken, be obedient to, obey.

Uihos

G5207

uihos

hwee-os'

Apparently a primary word; a “son” (sometimes of animals), used very widely of immediate, remote or figurative kinship:—child, foal, son.

John 5:19 (KJV) *Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.***

This is the mark of a fully matured son, one that has been disciplined to reflect the Father, not himself. A fully matured son manifests both reflection and servanthood principles. The fully matured son obeys the Father, regardless of the consequences.

Pater

G3962

patēr

pat-ayr'

Apparently a primary word; a “father” (literally or figuratively, near or more remote):—father, parent.

1 Cor. 4:15 (KJV) *For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*

Instructor - **G3807** paidagōgos

pahee-dag-o-gos'

From [G3816](#) and a reduplication form of [G71](#); a *boy leader*, that is, a servant whose office it was to take the children to school; (by implication [figuratively] a *tutor* [“paedagogue”]):—instructor, schoolmaster.

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